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Report of Mr. Raitt on the application for a loan from the Carnatic Paper Mills, Limited.

*694-A Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government called for any report from Mr. W. Raitt, Officer-in-charge of Paper Pulp section, Forest Research Institute, Debra Dun, in connexion with the application of the Carnatic Paper Mills for a loan; and

(b) when the report was called for and when it was submitted?

A.—(a) The Director of Industries obtained Mr. Raitt's advice.

(b) Towards the end of 1924.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"Did the Government consider that Mr. Raitt was the proper person to give an opinion on the subject?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Yes."

Report of Mr. Raitt on the Carnatic Paper Mills Company, Limited.

*694-B Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what Mr. Raitt had said in his report on the Carnatic Paper Mills with regard to the following matters:—

(i) suitability of site,
(ii) mill buildings, and
(iii) machinery and plant;

(b) whether he made any proposals for early production of paper;
(c) whether he gave any estimate of profits; and
(d) if so, what his estimate of profits was?

A.—(a) (i) Satisfactory,
(ii) well designed and solidly constructed,
(iii) good.
(b) Yes.
(c) Yes.
(d) About 3 per cent on a block capital of Rs. 18 lakhs. But he revised his opinion later.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"In answer to clause (d) of this question, it is stated 'About 3 per cent on a block capital of Rs. 18 lakhs. But he revised his opinion later.' May I know when he revised his opinion?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju:—"Was the report sent back to him for revision of his opinion?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Notice."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha:—"What is the revised opinion?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"That it will fetch only less than 3 per cent."

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Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know whether his opinion will be placed on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" No, Sir."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" First, or the second ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Both."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether Mr. Raitt estimated that the income would be less by $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I think more than that."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know approximately what it was ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether Mr. Raitt's opinion was published ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I think it was not published."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I simply want to know whether there is any considerable difference of opinion between the original report and the revised report of Mr. Raitt, because it is stated in answer to clause (*b*) 'Mr. Raitt has since considerably modified his opinion.' I want also to know whether that difference of opinion has arisen with regard to the income of the mill, if it is worked, and also with regard to his recommendation as to what Government should do with this factory if it is not worked ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Yes."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" When so much as Rs. 7,86,898 was lent to the Carnatic Paper Mills Company, Limited, were the Government sure that the money could be realized ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" At that time 'yes.' It was in August 1926."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Was the mill working at that time ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" No, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Was there any possibility of the mill being worked at that time ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The Director of Industries said so."

Action taken by Government on Mr. Raitt's report on the Carnatic Paper Mills Company, Limited.

* 694-C Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government had accepted the report on the Carnatic Paper Mills made by Mr. Raitt ; and

(*b*) whether the Government will place Mr. Raitt's report on the Council table ?

A.—(*a*) Yes ; at the time of granting the Mills a loan of Rs. 4 lakhs ;

(*b*) No. Mr. Raitt has since considerably modified his opinion.

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